

Regular Meeting

Agenda Item #	2
Meeting Date	July 25, 2005
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Discussion Item	Council Resolution of Appreciation for School Crossing Guard Annie Cotton
Background	<p>School Crossing Guard Annie Cotton became ill after the completion of the 2004-05 school year and died the evening of July 4, 2005. She had just completed her 10th continuous year as a guard, most recently serving at the intersection of Holly and Philadelphia Avenues.</p> <p>The Police Department, school children, parents and other members of the community were deeply saddened by her death and will appreciate the Council's public recognition of her contributions to the City.</p> <p>Ms. Cotton, a long-time City resident, served in the 1980s as a guard and was then rehired in August 1995. Both in the conduct of her work and daily activities in the City, she expressed deep concern for safety and a loving spirit for others. She enjoyed life and was a positive, contributing member of the Takoma Park community.</p>
Policy	None
Fiscal Impact	None
Attachments	Resolution of Appreciation
Recommendation	Council to adopt resolution.
Special Consideration	

Resolution # 2005- 60
Expressing Appreciation of
ANNIE ALBERTA COTTON

- WHEREAS, School Crossing Guard Annie Cotton served the City and its residents for more than a decade; and
- WHEREAS, She demonstrated significant concern for the safety of the children in her charge, as well as personal concern in acts of generosity and verbal encouragement to the children, parents, and staff of the Takoma Park Elementary School; AND
- WHEREAS, Her devoted service was unwaivering during the sniper crisis of 2002; AND
- WHEREAS, She continually exhibited dedication to the City of Takoma Park and her work, working tirelessly to ensure safety of the City's children; AND
- WHEREAS, She was an avid user of the Takoma Park Library and as such provided a positive model for reading and learning to the City's youth, AND
- WHEREAS, Annie Cotton, who brought a loving spirit and passion for living to residents throughout the City on a daily basis, passed away after a brief illness while in the employ of the City,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council, on behalf of the employees and residents of the City of Takoma Park, do proclaim sincere appreciation of Annie A. Cotton, thank her family for her dedicated and valued service, and express our deep condolences on her passing, which deprived them of a loving sibling and devoted mother, and took from us a dedicated public servant.

Dated this 25th day of July 2005.

Kathryn H. Porter
Mayor